

FRANCIS FERDINAND TO RULE

OLD AUSTRIAN EMPEROR IS VIRTUALLY ABDICATING.

Dangers to Europe in the Policy of the New Regent—Francis Joseph Bitterly Opposed to the Change—Chances of Averting a War in the Balkans.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

LONDON, Nov. 28.—The accession of the Archduke Francis Ferdinand to the throne of Austria-Hungary in all but title, will take place next Wednesday. He would be made Regent officially on that day if it were in the power of the Emperor Francis Joseph to install him without act of Parliament.

For many months, as all the world now knows, Ferdinand has been Emperor in all but name. The world knows also how momentous the change has been in its effect not only on the fate of the dual monarchy but on the affairs of all Europe. The curse of misfortune seems destined to cling to Francis Joseph to the very end of his days. His energies and his faculties are declining fast. He is a feeble, tired old man unable any longer to discharge the duties of a great monarch. Things have been done in his name, ambitious, menacing things with which he has not the slightest sympathy, yet he is unable to enter an effective protest. Still more telling is the fact that the new policy of aggression encounters far less opposition either at home or abroad when undertaken under his unwilling auspices than it would have met with under an actually new regime.

Francis Joseph has always been a man of peace, the most conservative sovereign in Europe. His nature and policy have not changed, yet he stands sponsor for the most reckless and unscrupulous national adventures of modern times. It is said that the humiliation and injustice of the situation have led him to demand permission to abdicate.

Those who have in hand great schemes for Austro-Hungarian aggrandizement know too well the value to them of the grand old head of the house of Hapsburg, and they would not hear of granting him official release from his labors. They have pointed out that his retirement at the present moment would discredit utterly the Austro-Hungarian policy abroad, while it would also precipitate a dangerous domestic crisis in various points of the empire. No, he must make one more sacrifice for his people, a sacrifice even of his principles and reputation.

So Francis Joseph will remain a little longer the titular Emperor of Austria-Hungary. There is one partial vindication of his good faith and exposure of the falsity of his position that he has insisted upon. It will be announced at the jubilee next Wednesday that all but the administrative duties of his imperial office will be discharged hereafter by the heir apparent Prince Ferdinand will represent him at almost all public functions and in all questions affecting the government of the empire. Certain documents must, of course, receive the Emperor's signature *ad formam*, but to all intents and purposes Francis Joseph will cease to be Emperor and Francis Ferdinand will reign in his stead.

The war clouds have been thick and heavy in the southeast all the week, but the political barometer is rising and the best observers expect an improvement in the situation. The Times prints a leader to-day more pessimistic and alarming than any of its utterances since the crisis began, but its fears seem to be on the whole exaggerated. It is more reasonable to interpret the menacing language used toward Turkey during the last day or two by Baron von Aehrenthal, the Austrian Foreign Minister, as a bluff than to believe that he is deliberately seeking hostilities when winter has already begun. There could be no greater diplomatic absurdity than to take seriously Austria's pretence that a private boycott in Turkey of private Austrian goods constitutes a *casus belli* or anything approaching it.

Austria is showing in many ways how sore, suspicious and angry she is over the consequences of her lawless act which began the present crisis. Russia's steady refusal to recognize the annexation of Bosnia and Herzegovina and her insistence on compensation to Turkey and the Slav States increases the Austrian exasperation, so that Berlin now regards the chances of a European conference as remote.

Both Germany and Austria are now turning the vials of their wrath upon England and every difficulty in the way of easy approval of the Austro-Hungarian rapacity is now ascribed to the Machiavellian policy of Great Britain. These charges are regarded by the British press as too idle for denial. They are made of course for their possible effect on Turkey, but it seems childish to imagine that such astute men as the Young Turks have shown themselves to be should be deceived by such absurdities.

It is now nearly two months since the world was startled by the outbreak of a crisis which Europe has been dreading for twenty years. Nothing has really been done toward a settlement or even toward providing machinery for a settlement. The winter may be depended upon to keep the peace for three months more, but the dangers of delay which Sir Edward Grey, the British Foreign Secretary, pointed out so emphatically last week, are becoming more ominous daily.

ENGLAND GUARANTEES TURKEY

Leaders of Reform Party Say They Don't Fear War With Austria.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

BERLIN, Nov. 28.—Nazim Bey, the official delegate of the Young Turk Committee, declared to-day that Turkey was fully prepared for any hostilities and was not afraid that Austria would declare war.

Moreover, he said, Turkey had obtained from Great Britain an official guarantee against any external danger resulting from the Balkan upheaval.

ITALY HOSTILE TO AUSTRIA

Some Make Demonstrations and the Government Intervenes.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

ROME, Nov. 28.—The outbreak of indignation provoked by the recent conflict between Italian and German students at the University of Vienna is increasing and becoming more intense throughout Italy. It is expressed by hostile demonstrations outside the Austrian Embassy here and the Austrian consulates throughout the country.

The Government is doing little to repress the demonstrations. Only a score of police made a half-hearted attempt one day this week to stop a demonstration outside the Austrian Embassy. The mob burned the Austrian flag, shouting "Death to the Austrians!"

The police at first did not interfere, but later on arrested a few students, who were immediately released. Late in the

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evening a company of soldiers pretended to disperse the crowd when the demonstration was really all over.

It is also rather remarkable that the censor has not interfered with the accounts of these demonstrations which have been telegraphed abroad.

PRINCE SPEAKS FOR SERBIA.

Says Ten Million Patriots Are Ready to Die for the Sake of Bosnia.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

LONDON, Nov. 28.—The Observer prints a long and carefully prepared interview with the Crown Prince of Serbia containing an impassioned plea for Serbian ideals and a defence of the Serbian attitude.

The Prince says it is not true that nothing but war will satisfy the Serbians. They demand the minimum necessary to secure their economic existence. They will never sell their national birthright nor bargain over the heart of the Serbian people.

The Prince spoke of Serbia, not with its 3,000,000 within the present frontiers, but the real Serbian nation with 10,000,000 patriots stretching from Trieste to Macedonia, from the Adriatic to Bulgaria, whose inevitable national progress makes the annexation of Bosnia and Herzegovina unthinkable.

The Prince concludes: "Since it is momentarily improbable that all portions of the Serbian people will be allowed to develop unitedly the least the Serbians can demand is that the occupied provinces become completely autonomous under the suzerainty of Turkey."

To attain this object the Prince avers that there were 10,000,000 patriots ready to die.

CLAD IN DIADEM, GIRL DANCES.

Reichstag Takes in a Beauty Evening—Church Crusade on in Berlin.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

BERLIN, Nov. 28.—Living statuary and Salome dancers in America and England have been the talk of the whole world, but it remained for the Germans, who delight in lauding their *kultur* over that of France or Russia, to present under a pretended mantle of art a series of performances which might only be expected in an Arab *café chantant*.

About a year ago a society was formed for the cultivation of corporeal beauty and the propagation of the creed of true morality which is only to be found in nudity. The society took the name Die Schönheit—Beauty. It at first confined itself to issuing periodical so-called artistic photographs. Then followed "beauty evenings," to which at first only members of Die Schönheit were admitted.

These evenings were such a success that they were soon made public and took Berlin by storm. A sword dance more shameless than anything perpetrated on the northern boulevards of Paris achieved enormous popularity. But at last the Catholics and Lutherans protested against the performances and one Deputy announced that he would make an interpellation of the Government in the Prussian Diet, while church newspapers severely criticised the Minister of the Interior for allowing the shows to go on. The result of all this was that the public performances were interrupted.

The society made every effort to get public opinion in their favor, and finally invited the whole Reichstag and the Prussian Diet to witness a performance at a "beauty evening." Last Monday night the new concert hall in Berlin was crowded with Deputies, some of whom were accompanied by their wives and even their daughters, and all entered with opera glasses. They sat right through the performance, which was a crescendo of indecency, culminating in the flagrant sword dance, which was performed by a young woman whose entire costume consisted of a diadem in her hair.

THE LORDS AND THE LICENSE.

Great Muster of Antique Fashion Plates to Kill Liberal Bill—High Tax New.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

LONDON, Nov. 28.—After the preliminary meeting of peers at Lansdowne House, which is now generally regarded as having been unnecessary and but tactics yesterday's seven-hour debate in the House of Lords seemed to be an un-called for preliminary to the final killing of the Government's licensing bill. But not since the Lords mustered to throw out Gladstone's Home Rule bill has a bill been killed on such a superb scale.

From the remotest corners of the three kingdoms noble peers were dug out to swell the ranks of each party and again denizens of Westminster saw weird haunts and coats, the secret of whose debate certain British peers alone seem to have inherited. Two peers took the oath after many years' neglect in order to take their seats and vote against this "attack on property." Several others who hitherto have never entered their own lordly chamber, wandered into the House of Commons.

But they gave the bill what Lord Fitzmaurice called a first class funeral. Fitzmaurice is a Liberal Cabinet Minister, and it was amusing to hear him glibly at his own brother, Lord Lansdowne, the Conservative leader in the House of Lords for shepherding so many peers who rarely came near the house.

It is now generally expected that the Chancellor of the Exchequer will take advantage of the rejection of the bill to raise at least a couple of million pounds by increased license duties.

STOCKS HIGHER IN EUROPE.

"Bankers Magazine" Shows Increase of \$750,000,000 Since December.

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LONDON, Nov. 28.—The Bankers Magazine in a monthly comparison of Stock Exchange values shows some interesting figures. In a total value of stocks of eighteen billion dollars there has been an increase in the market price of \$250,000,000. No less than \$100,000,000 of this increase represents an advance in thirty-three American stocks and bonds.

Some improvement in the European political situation is represented by an advance of \$30,000,000 in foreign Government securities.

Comparisons with prices in the middle of last December show a gain of \$187,000,000 in American railroads, a decline of \$82,000,000 in British railroads and a net grand total gain of \$750,000,000.

COIN SALVED FROM FINANCE

DIVERS BRING UP \$100,000 WITH JEWELRY AND MAIL.

Coin Goes Immediately Aboard the Advance and Starts for Canal Zone—Jewelry and Mailmen Fit Out the Finance's Passengers and They Sail.

The Merritt-Chapman wreckers went to work early yesterday morning on the wreck of the Panama Railroad steamship Finance, sunk on the west side of the main ship channel on Thursday by collision with the White Star freighter George. Capt. Mowbray was aboard the wreck and supervised the task of recovering the \$100,000 in coin, mainly gold, which with valuable mail and the jewelry of some passengers was locked in the steel strong room. The diver had little trouble locating the room, which opened with several keys fitting succeeding doors.

He brought up the coin at 12:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon and it was put aboard a tug and taken immediately to the pier of the Panama Railroad line at the foot of West Twenty-seventh street, arriving in time to be transferred to the steamship Advance, which sailed somewhat behind schedule because of having to wait for the outfit of some of the passengers who had been left without clothing when the Finance was overwhelmed by the sea.

The Merritt-Chapman folks say that salvaging the gold and silver was a simple operation, although it might have been regarded as wonderful years ago before the work of divers had been reduced to a science. It was almost like going into a vault on land and opening the doors and taking things out. Nine boxes in all were taken from the vault and two bags containing special mail.

The Royal Mail steamship Orinoco, on the fifth of the Finance's passengers, including Judge Blackburn and his wife and child, sailed for Colon was forty minutes late in getting off.

The Government had sent word from Washington to the managers of the Panama Railroad Steamship Company to provide the passengers of the Finance with "necessities, and in the opinion of somebody in authority these did not include hats for the women." The result was that many women passengers sailed without hats and didn't like it. They came pretty near also sailing without shoes. A department store had been ordered to equip the passengers, and it sent a man and a woman over to the Alliance on which the delayed passengers were, to measure them for clothing.

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CHILLY WELCOME FOR CASTRO.

Paris Papers Demand that Venezuelan President Be Not Permitted to Land.

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PARIS, Nov. 28.—The report that President Castro of Venezuela has sailed for France has stirred the French newspapers and many of them are protesting against allowing him to land at Bordeaux.

"If," says one paper, "he comes as the representative of a country with which we have broken diplomatic relations, his position will be embarrassing. If he comes as an individual he ought evidently to be met by an expulsion warrant."

"It is impossible," says another paper, "that Castro should receive from us the hospitality he refused to our citizens in such an obnoxious manner."

The Dutch Minister of Foreign Affairs has asked France what reception the Government expects to give Castro; as Holland is ready to associate herself therewith.

GOVERNORS ISLAND BOAT HIT.

Jersey Central Tug Strikes Her and Hurts Two Sailors.

The steamboat Irene Elaine Davis, temporarily plying as a ferryboat between Governors Island and the foot of Whitehall street in place of the Gen. Hancock, was hit yesterday afternoon by a Jersey Central tug rounding the Battery and bound up the East River and two soldiers who happened to be standing at the place on the port side where the bow of the tug stove a five-foot hole in the Davis's woodwork were hurt. One of the soldiers went on his way after the Davis got into her slip here and the other decided to go back to the island and have his cut healed. The Davis continued in commission, having not been touched below the water line. The tug went on so swiftly that the Davis's skipper could not catch her name.

YOUNG WOMAN A SUICIDE.

Despondent Over a Quarrel With Her Sweetheart, She Cuts Her Throat.

UTICA, Nov. 28.—Miss Mina Maxwell, 20 years of age, a resident of the village of Ames, near Canajoharie, despondent over a love affair, committed suicide to-day by cutting her throat.

The young woman attended an entertainment at the Baptist Church in Ames last evening. She seemed to be in the best of spirits and enjoyed herself during the evening. To-day while her mother was in another part of the house she took her father's razor and retiring to her room lay down on the bed and slashed her throat. She died a few minutes after her mother, attracted by her screams, had burst open the door of the bedroom.

TEXAS EGGS COMING MORE SWIFTLY.

DALLAS, Tex., Nov. 28.—Announcement was made to-day to Dallas shippers of poultry, eggs, vegetables, etc., that thirteen hours had been cut out of the time of transit of this class of freight to New York, Philadelphia and other Eastern cities on a new schedule arranged by way of St. Louis. The time from St. Louis to New York is cut to sixty-three and a half hours.

GIRLS ESCAPE FROM SCHOOL FIRE.

DELAWARE, Ohio, Nov. 28.—A fire believed to be of incendiary origin partly destroyed one of the dormitories at the Wesleyan Female Seminary this morning. Eighty-eight girls made their escape in safety. Anna Ray of Sandusky was carried off to the hospital in an ambulance in a serious condition. She will recover.

CHESS.

College Players in Preparation for Annual Tournaments.

Following the annual tournament of Columbia, Harvard, Yale and Princeton, to be held in this city just before Christmas, the teams of the Triangular College Chess League, representing Cornell, Brown and the University of Pennsylvania, will meet in their tenth congress on December 28, 29, 30 and 31. If possible it is planned to get the teams of Columbia and Cornell, winners respectively of the quadrangular tournament of last year, together about the same time.

Cornell is again striving hard to bring a winning team to the mark in the forthcoming contest, but a stubborn struggle for supremacy is looked for on the part of the University of Pennsylvania, which will be headed by Norman T. Whitaker, the freshman who made one of the Quaker trio which played against Oxford in England in last July. On that occasion Whitaker distinguished himself by winning against every one of his English opponents, making a score of six straight wins. One of the Cornell players will surely be L. Tolles of Brooklyn, who played for the University of Pennsylvania in 1907. The partner of Tolles is likely to be the invalid D. Reick, a member of the Princeton team of Curtis High School of Staten Island.

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